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RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

This paper responds to the Official Action mailed 11 August 2004.

Claims 1 – 33 are pending in the Application, but Claims 12 – 31 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. The Office makes final its rejection of Claims 1 – 11 and 32 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Nagata et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,567,744). The Office also makes final its rejection of Claim 33 under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious in view of Nagata et al.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of Claims 1 – 11, 32 and 33. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection in

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view of the arguments presented below. Applicant also respectfully asks the Office to allow Claims 1 – 11, 32 and 33 at an early date.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments Concerning Amendments begin on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments Concerning Restriction and Claim Rejections begin on page 8 of this paper.